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Mr. SPEAKER: So, I think the hon. Member is now satisfied.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Sir, I am not pressing the matter.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) The Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1865).

* The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I present the Report [a] of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1965) and move for leave to withdraw the Bill.

Sir, hon. Members of this House are aware that a Bill for consolidating and amending the law relating to medical practitioners in the State of Madras was introduced in this Assembly during its last session held in July-August 1965. The Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, as it was called, was based on the draft Model Bill formulated by the Government of India. The object of the Bill was that only practitioners who have registered their names with the appropriate council can practice medicine in this State, while unqualified persons will be eliminated from the field of medical practice for the safety and well being of the society. The Government of India have subsequently withdrawn their Model Bill. This Government, however, decided to proceed with the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill and based on the recommendations of both the Houses of the Legislature, it was referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of eighteen Members. The Joint Select Committee met on three occasions. At its first meeting the Committee decided to call for written memoranda and hear oral evidence from the existing associations, institutions and individuals practicing different systems of medicine in this State. A number of associations, institutions and individuals have sent written memoranda. At its second meeting the Joint Select Committee heard the oral evidence tendered by the representatives of various organisations, institutions, individuals, etc., and recorded them. As the subject " Medicine and Medical Practice " is in the concurrent list, the views of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, were also called for. Their views have also been received. The Joint Select Committee which met on the third occasion considered all of them and decided that the Bill in its present form should not be proceeded with as the Medical Council of India have objected to the inclusion of allopathic system of medicine in the consolidated Bill and as there will be difficulty in getting the Government of India's consent if the Bill is further proceeded with in its present form. The Joint Select Committee therefore recommended that the present Bill be withdrawn and that separate Bills, one for the Medical Practitioners of Homeopathic System of Medicine, one for the Medical Practitioners of

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Indian and Indigenous Systems of Medicine and, if necessary, a Bill to suitably amend the Madras Medical Registration Act, 1914, be brought forward.

Action is being taken to draft separate Bills on the lines of the recommendations made by the Joint Select Committee. It has therefore become necessary to withdraw the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill already introduced in the Legislature. I therefore, beg leave of the House to move that the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1965) already introduced in this Assembly be permitted to be withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the withdrawal of the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1965).'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was withdrawn.

(2) THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1966.

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1966.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1966.'

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

(3) THE MADRAS UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 42 OF 1965.)

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras University (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1965) as amended by the Joint Select Committee be taken into consideration.'

Sir, as the hon. Members are aware, this Bill was introduced in the Assembly on the 10th November 1965. Subsequently, with the concurrence of the Legislative Council, the Bill was referred to a Joint Select Committee. The Committee considered the Bill in detail and submitted its report together with a copy of the Bill as revised by it.

I shall briefly explain the important changes which the Joint Select Committee has made in the Bill.